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The Two Letters.

It is interesting to observe the different views of ABRAHAM S. HEWITT and THEODORE ROOSEVELT as to the main issue involved in the present canvass.

The candidate of the united Democracy thus defines the meaning of the George movement:

The organized movement now made for the first time against the methods of political action, approved by the experience of a century of steady progress and under which this country has enjoyed a measure of prosperity heretofore unknown, has been originated and sustained or maintained by the people of this city. This is the issue as I understand the action of the Democratic party in placing me in nomination. * * * The issue is between the democratic ideals of the founders of the republic and the socialist views of the working classes. The former are based in the true interests of life, generated in an atmosphere congenial to our habits and modes of thought and based largely upon grievances which have no existence under our form of government."

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During the three years since in the State Legislature but few men can be found in dealing with the intricate municipal misgovernment of this city, and it became evident to me that there could be no great or effective change for the better in our city government through the use of the knife wielded by political leaders which would not be accompanied by the people of this city. This is the issue as I understand the action of the Democratic party in placing me in nomination. * * * The issue is between the democratic ideals of the founders of the republic and the socialist views of the working classes. The former are based in the true interests of life, generated in an atmosphere congenial to our habits and modes of thought and based largely upon grievances which have no existence under our form of government."

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The Right to Go to the Senate.

A correspondent thinks *THE SUN* was mistaken in saying that if WILLIAM WALTER PHILLIPS had been chosen Governor of New Jersey he might have used his patronage to become Mr. McPherson's successor in the Senate, because the Constitution of that State declares that the Governor shall not be elected by the Legislature to any office under the United States Government during his gubernatorial term. We had not forgotten this provision, but it would not have stood in the way of Gov. PHILLIPS. State Constitutions cannot add to or take from the qualifications prescribed in the Federal Constitution for Senators in Congress. We recall that others may look upon him.

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During the next fortnight whenever you see a citizen with his coat off, working for Roosevelt, you may know that he has at last encountered one of the best people. Our advises, Don't let him escape; capture him in that other coat they may look upon him.

The Hon. FRANK LAWLER of Chicago, one of the most popular members of Congress, is trying to get Mr. CLEVELAND to appoint one Peter JAHNKE as Ambassador at Chicago. Mr. JAHNKE's name is of unfortunate odor in this town at present, but the Chicago JAHNKE is said to be a very worthy person, "a good teacher in a parochial school, a good merchant and a Democrat, and a good man."

Mr. CLEVELAND tells Mr. LAWLER that in making an appointment to office he shall select some one who is supported by the principal citizens, and is generally known.

Mr. CLEVELAND is all right, but should he have to make up his decision so that it will read, "I will support some one who is supported by the principal and interested Democratic citizens."

If Mr. PETER JAHNKE is that some one, we hope he will be the next Ambassador at Chicago.

A Little Tariff Campaign.

We observe an effort on the part of some journals whose principles are confined mainly to the support of the Administration, to defeat the renomination of Democratic Congressmen who voted against the Monson bill. Their animosity against such renominated promises to be even greater than any other candidate. He can only be elected as Mayor by means of votes thrown for Mr. GRANGER.

And yet Mr. ROOSEVELT has, perhaps, a greater interest in the George movement than any other candidate. He can only be elected as Mayor by means of votes thrown for Mr. GRANGER.

Would it not be more politic for these journals, in view of their relation to the Administration, to fight out definitely whether Mr. CLEVELAND's views upon the Monson schemes are the same as theirs?

Had they not better learn whether or not Mr. CLEVELAND would prefer the loss of the Democratic majority in the House of Representatives rather than the election of Democrats who will refuse to back up the Free Traders?

Or are these journals conducting their campaign without regard to what Mr. CLEVELAND may think?

A Lesson in Political History.

Col. RALPH PLUMMER of Streator is running for Congress in the Eighth Illinois district. He made a speech at Bradwood, the other night, which affords our esteemed contemporary, the *Inter-Ocean*, great joy and a couple of columns of printed matter.

Col. PLUMMER is interesting to us as a representative of the ideas which prevail in the present Republican party as to the ideas which prevailed in the Republican party of the past. "The Republican party," he told the Bradwood people, "came into existence as the champion of the idea that human beings should not be at the mercy of those whom the struggle for the survival had made their masters, but that the strong arm of Government should be exerted to protect the weak and defenceless."

As the Republicans of the present day seem to have little knowledge of the origin of their party, it may be interesting to them to know that the Republican party in its first and its second national platforms, in 1856 and in 1860, simply denied that there was any authority for the legal existence of slavery in any Territory of the United States, and declared that it was the right and duty of Congress to prohibit polygamy and slavery in the Territories. The Republican national platform of 1860 declared "that the maintenance inviolate of the rights of the States, and especially the right of each State to order and control its own domestic institutions according to its own judgment exclusively, is essential to that balance of power on which the perfection and endurance of our political fabric depends."

Col. PLUMMER of Streator and Republicans in general seem to suppose that the Republican party started as a grand total abolition party. It is not out of place to remind them that this is not the fact, and that the limited and special manner in which the Republicans attacked slavery was originally in the direction of State's rights, a direction from which the Republicans flew. Slavery was finally abolished in the United States, but emancipation was not the consummation of an early Republican idea.

The Outlook in Brooklyn.

The Republican nomination of Gen. BENJAMIN F. THAYER for District Attorney of Kings county is an interesting and significant event in politics.

Why does the leader of the Brooklyn bar, a distinguished lawyer in lucrative practice, who has been a member of the Court of Appeals, consent to become a candidate for the office of public prosecutor?

Plainly he uses in his view an issue of great public importance to the well being of the community in which he lives to be fought out at the coming election. This is the question whether the law against public gambling, which has been so conspicuously violated in the suburbs of Brooklyn during the last few years, is to be enforced against the law breakers or not.

The evidence that the continual practice of poolselling and bookmaking at Coney Island has resulted in enormous moral and pecuniary injury is strong and abundant; but even if the harm were less than we believe it to be, the citizens of Brooklyn must be to the importance of enforcing the laws against gambling so long as they remain on the statute book. There is nothing in the assertion that these laws are obsolete. Attention is called to their existence every year, but the Legislature shows no disposition to repeal them. The only rational inference is that it intends to have them obeyed. So long as they are flagrantly disregarded in Kings county, that part of the State will be subjected to reproach.

These laws are enforced in New York county and in Queens county. It is true that in Queens county the Democrats still

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The Candidate of the Best People.

The *New York Times* is authority for the statement that "the best people" of this town support ROOSEVELT, and that "the best people" intend to "take of their coats and work for him."

It will be an interesting spectacle. It will enable anybody to identify the members of what has always been regarded as an elusive and probably mythical element of society.

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The politicians think that a large part of the immigration to the Northwest will go to Hudson Bay. It should not be forgotten that nearly all the early white settlers of Manitoba entered the country by way of Hudson Bay. Lord SELBY-ROBERTS, in his speech in 1851, travelled overland to the site of the present city of Winnipeg along the very route taken by the Hudson Bay Company. Several hundred settlers from Europe have settled in the western shores of Hudson Bay which they reached in 1851.

The promoters of the railroad also believe that a large part of the European surplus for Canada will go to Hudson Bay. They are anxious to have the tax taken off raw materials. This is a good idea, but it is not a wise one. The labor organizations, both Canadian and American, are extremely anxious to make a dollar with the labor organizations by nominating John G. BROWN, of the Knights of Labor, for City Auditor, but many of the delegates to the Convention are strongly opposed to the scheme, and may be induced to vote for him.

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